

**PATENT**

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| <b>Applicant:</b>   | Veronneau, et al. | <b>Art Unit:</b>   | 1724               |
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Title: **Reusable Sorbing Coalescing Agent**

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**CONFIRMATION No. 6142**

**RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION**

**OF NOVEMBER 14, 2006**

**I. INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This communication is submitted in response to an Action from the United States Patent and Trademark Office, mailed November 14, 2006.

• **Request for Entrance of Response**

Applicant respectfully requests that the following amendment be entered, and the remarks set forth below be considered.

• **Requests for Extension/ Fees Due**

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees that may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Kelley Drye Deposit Account 11-0404.

• **Format of this Response**

This response is submitted in compliance with the revised format for making amendments to the specification, claims and drawings officially adopted by the USPTO on July 30, 2003, and which is now reflected in 37 C.F.R. §1.121.

• *LOCATION OF SPECIFIED SECTIONS FOR SCANNING OF THIS DOCUMENT*

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• *REQUEST FOR ENTRANCE OF AMENDMENTS AND CONSIDERATION OF ARGUMENTS*

Applicants respectfully request entrance of the amendments, and consideration of its arguments set forth below. Amended/new claims that may be construed as more limiting in scope than the scope of any of the claims prior to amendment/cancellation/addition should not be construed as an abandonment of any subject matter no longer claimed, nor should the amended/new claims be construed in any manner to waive or limit the equivalent structures of any element recited in such claims that would otherwise be available under the Doctrine of Equivalents with respect to the unamended/cancelled claims.

Amendment/cancellation/addition of the claims is not in any manner intended to, and should not be construed to, waive Applicant's right in the future to seek protection for the subject matter claimed in prior claims, or to seek protection for similar matter in any continuation, divisional, continuation-in-part, RCE, CPA or any other application claiming priority to or through the present application. Applicants expressly reserve the right to file applications directed to the subject matter covered by any cancelled or previously submitted claim, as well as any uncovered subject matter disclosed in the specification.